

REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 based on a provisional double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. Office Action, at 2. Claims 1-6, however, were canceled by the Applicants in a First Preliminary Amendment filed together with the filing of this Application on April 2, 2004. Claims 7-9 were presented in the First Preliminary Amendment and remain pending. A copy of these claims is reproduced on the following pages for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments have been made to claims 7-9 nor are any new claims presented here.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection. Favorable action on the Application, including claims 7-9, is also solicited.

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